The Govt, has taken the following corrective steps to reduce the cash losses of ALIMCO :

1. Higher capacity utilisation of existing plant and machinery;

2. Rationalisation of product-mix to achieve better viability;

3. Avoidance of intermediate agents as far as possible and its product distribution channel;

4. Upgradation of designs and product quality resulting to enhanced market;

5. Enforcing economy in office expenditure and overhead expenditure;

6. Redeployment and redistribution of staff from separate departments to production units.

As a result of steps taken already the cash losses has been brought down from 172.79 lakhs during 1992-93 to 57.26 lakhs during 1993-94.

Liquor consumption

5210. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that liquor consumption in the country has risen manifold during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details of liquor consumption in each State and Union Territory during the said period;

(c) whether Government are aware that in order to increase the sale of liquor many State Governments have introduced mobile sale van's and poly packs of liquor;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to reduce the liquor consumption in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Protection of Minorities run Educational Institutions

5211. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received proposals from the Minorities Commission regarding the need to amend the Constitution to give necessary protection to Minority run educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

डा. बी. आर. अम्बेडकर स्मारक की स्थापना निर्माण

5212. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 26 अलीपुर, रोड, दिल्ली में डा. बी. आर. अम्बेडकर स्मारक स्थापित करने/निर्माण करने का प्रस्ताव आज की स्थिति के अनुसार किस अवस्था में है और तत्संबंधी पूर्ण ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) स्मारक स्थापित करने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण है ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. वी. तंगकाबालू) : (क) तथा (ख) 26 अलीपुर रोड में डा. अम्बेडकर स्मारक स्थापित करने/निर्माण करने का प्रस्ताव भारत सरकार के सक्रिय विचाराधीन है ।

Street and working children in the country

5213. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any figure of street and working children in the country;

(b) if so, the number thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;